Beinonstrr.rion at Doordarshan *Kendm* Bangalore

1318. SHRI ALADI" ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCAST - ING be pleased to state:

(a) whether anti-Hindi demonstrators reoaatly entered the Doordarshan Kendra in Bangalore and- disrupted the relay of the popular serial Ramayana; and.

(b) what were the demands of die agi-tators?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Six members of Kannadda Artists and Writers Guild forced their way into the Transmitter Hall of Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore cn 31-1-88 and caused a major breakdown during the telecast of 'Ramayana' Programme.

(b) The demands of the demonstrators were for more Kannadda Programmes, Kaonadda Feature Films for Kannadda speaking people and also recruitment of Kannadingas to various posts in the Kendra.

Employment of children in Hazardous activities

1319. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA. KANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite all the laws regulating employment of children, children of tender age continue to work in match and - firework factories and in mines, in callous disregard of the safety norms; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken and directions issued by the Central Gov-Brnment to prevent this rampant exploitation of child labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI MNDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) It is a fact that inspite of the laws prohibiting; employment of children in certain e loyment*, cases of children continuing to work in such employments have been de-tected.

(b) The.: State Governments have been addressed to stringently enforce the legal provision^ relating to prohibition of child labour.

Utilisation of Central fund by Madhya Pradesh

1320. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Ministe$_r$ of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Funds provided to the Housing Board of Madhya Pradesh have not bee* fully utilised and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what were the funds allotted and how much have been already utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Central Government does not provide any financial assistance direct to the Housing Boards. Central financial assistance is given to the S'ate Governments/ U.T. Admns. as 'block loans' and grants' without being tied to any particular scheme for head of development'

However, the HUDCO, the premier financing institution at the central level, has sanctionsd 360 schemes in Madhya raV • desh with a project cost of Rs, 26067 lakhs and loan assistance of Rs. 17276 lakhs which envisages construction of 91822 dwelling units, 1(1104 basic sanitation units and development of 78714 plo's.

Introduction of cheap construction mcterial

1321. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new construction material is likely to be in-troduced, which promises to cut down the consumption of concrete by 30 per cent to 60 per cent and reduces the construction cost;

(b) if so, w\n are the details thereof and whether.it would be durable; and